

# ***City of Renton***

## ***Board of Park Commissioners***



### ***Meeting Minutes***

January 12, 2010

4:30 p.m.—City Hall – 7<sup>th</sup> floor Conferencing Center

#### **I. Call to Order**

##### **In Attendance**

The following were present:

Members: Tim Searing, Cynthia Burns, Mike O'Donin, Ron Regis, Al Dieckman, Troy Wigestrang, Larry Reymann

Staff: Sandy Pilat, Leslie Betlach, Jerry Rerecich, Kelly Beymer, Gloria Gamba, Terry Flatley, Sonja Mejlaender, Kris Stimpson, Bonnie Rerecich, Commander Dave Leibman

#### **II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

A motion was made by Cynthia Burns and seconded by Ron Regis to approve the agenda as presented. All were in favor, motion carried, the January 12, 2010, agenda was approved.

#### **III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Mike O'Donin made a motion seconded by Larry Reymann to approve the December 2009 minutes as written. All were in favor, motion carried, minutes approved.

#### **IV. CITY COUNCIL COMMUNICATION**

Leslie Betlach noted we had received two referrals from City Council regarding allowing dogs on a leash at Gene Coulon Memorial Beach Park during off-season. She explained staff had met with the party initiating the proposal and would go through a process prior to returning to the Community Services Committee. The first step would be to conduct a survey polling park users. Mike O'Donin asked if the survey could reflect the reasoning we currently do not allow dogs at the park and how difficult enforcing such a policy would be. Cynthia Burns remarked the paths are so narrow at the park there isn't room for walkers and their dogs. If we open the current trail to dogs then what? Bikes? Ron Regis stated Coulon Park is for people, not dogs. We just opened a dog park. Leslie explained we would go thru this process and consider the

request. Troy Wigestrang, Board member inquired if we have to go thru a process and revisit the park rules each time a request is made?

Leslie indicated Terry would continue the discussion at our February meeting and update everyone at that time.

V. **DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS**

*Update Property Acquisition--Leslie Betlach*

Leslie updated the Board on three acquisitions: 1) May Creek/Faucett property. The seller has reservations feeling that property is undervalued. Discussions are progressing about obtaining easements; 2) Scott property, adjacent to Edlund/Craig parcel. This is a long term goal to connect Edlund to Springbrook. Currently the owner feels his property is more valuable and has elected to get an independent appraiser. Government must offer a fair market value. We have two grants for the Scott property; 3) The third is Lake to Lock on the Green River to Cedar River Trail, which is delayed.

We also are recording deeds to get \$221,000 for the Heritage Park property acquisition under "Waiver of Retroactivity". When we receive a recorded copy of the paperwork the City will apply for grant reimbursement.

*Golf Course Marketing--Kelly Beymer*

Kelly indicated we are losing Club members to other courses and the steps the course was taking to stop that trend. Partnering with the restaurant is one method, offering free birthday dinner, free appetizers, etc.

Additionally Kelly had been working on a Trespass Ordinance with Commander Leibman and Zanetta Fontes, City Attorney's office. Currently it is difficult for us to enforce consequences for inappropriate behavior at any of our facilities including parks and open space. Doing an ordinance will assist in remedying this problem. If someone is banned from one place they will be banned from every site. Currently there is no legal way to force people to leave a park since there is no law. Passing this ordinance will improve the quality of parks. Gene Coulon Park, Liberty Park, and the trail are the top three trouble spots.

*Lindbergh Pool--Jerry Rerecich*

Jerry Rerecich gave an update on the status of Lindbergh Pool. This is the end of a 40-year life span and the facility is in dire need of repair. The City contributed up to \$175,000 over a two year period to support operations of the Renton (Lindbergh) Pool. Other than contribution of these funds the City shall have no obligation to

provide funds to the District relating to operations, repair, or maintenance of this pool. The future of the pool is now in the hands of the School District.

#### **VI. Administrator's Report**

##### *Smoking in Seattle Parks*

Kelly noted we were closely watching a discussion of banning smoking in parks the City of Seattle has initiated and is getting public input. We recently have had increased problems with smokers from Boeing congregating on the trail in groups since they cannot smoke on Boeing property. Despite the City being proactive there has not been an improvement.

##### *Sonja Mejlaender*

Sonja presented Tim Searing with a plaque in appreciation for his service to the Renton Rivers Day Board since 1993. Although Tim resigned from the Board he still is going to serve as Treasurer. Sonja outlined a couple of the cutbacks River Days would experience this year. There would not be a separate day just for Kids but the organizers would incorporate many of the booths, activities into the River Days events.

##### *Recreation Director--Leslie Betlach and Al Dieckman*

Leslie outlined the process for soliciting applicants for the Director vacancy. She explained the job description had been updated. Al Dieckman presented Jerry with a certificate of appreciation for his 40+ years of service to the community on behalf of the Board of Park Commissioners.

#### **VII. Old Business**

##### *Building at Golf Course/Driving Range*

Kelly Beymer shared before and after pictures of the former maintenance building. She noted the driving range project is 90% complete and the range is open. There are minor seam repairs that will be complete when it dries up.

##### *Water Rights*

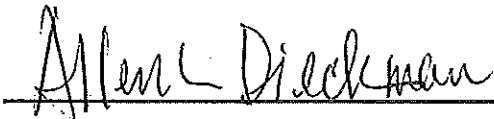
Kelly Beymer had a conference call with the city Attorney and Department of Ecology and submitted the last bit of required information.

##### *Holiday Event(s) Update*

Jerry Rerecich, Recreation Director, had a powerpoint presentation showcasing the various holiday events recreation sponsored. These included Candy Cane Dog Run, Clam Lights, Polar Bear Dip, Piazza lighting and holiday performances.

**V. Adjournment**

Mike O'Donin made a motion seconded by Ron Regis to adjourn the meeting. All were in favor, motion carried the January meeting was adjourned at 6:00 p.m.



*Signature*

**NEXT REGULAR MEETING**

**Tuesday**

**February 9, 2010 @ 4:30 P.M.**

**City Hall--7<sup>th</sup> Floor**

**Conferencing Center**